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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Jim Collings

Our Fall Swap Meet last month was a success. Attendance was better than I expected, and we had 29 collectors sign in, and there were probably a few who didn't sign in. We had a few collectors from Texas, and Kansas, but not as many out-of-the-area members as we have at our big spring meet. I thought that there was a lot of equipment for sale, and much of it changed hands. There was fairly good participation in the silent auction, after considering dropping it and deciding to have it. I believe everyone found something of interest.

This month's monthly meeting will be on November 10th at 7 PM at Swadley's BBQ, NW 39th and Portland, with dinner preceding, about 6 PM. Since the summer is now over and the cooler weather is here, I've selected a topic of newly acquired or restored items. I've found several nice items over the summer that I'd like to show off at the meeting. I'm sure that most of you have also. So, bring them for us to enjoy. And of course you can bring anything else you would like to show, or talk about. Don't forget the donation auction!

On another note, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 8th, for our annual Christmas party. We have not had any volunteers to host this event at their home yet, so if there are no volunteers, we can have it at my home, again. We will have the typical catered meal with the \$20 per person cost which is somewhat subsidized by the club, and the traditional white elephant/dirty Santa gift exchange. Carolyn and Jerry will lead a program of Christmas music after the gift exchange.

The VRPS annual convention will be on November 16th thru 18th in Mesquite, TX, at the Hampton Inn Convention Center. (The same location as previous years). This is one of the largest radio meets in the country, and it's right here in our area, so everyone should try to attend. In the past, I've given you a big write-up of all the events, but they are fairly similar every year, so I won't repeat myself. The theme for this year's contest is Motorola. Of course the main events are auctions on Friday evening and Saturday. If you have never been to a large event like this, you can learn a lot, as there is a lot of equipment to view. Carolyn and Jerry, and Julie and I are giving the musical program for the banquet, featuring hit songs of the radio era with a little radio trivia and a few commercials thrown in. It will be very similar to what we did at our Christmas party last year. If you need details on the meet, drop me a line. I hope to see many of you there.

Report for the OKVRC Convention and Swap Meet 10/13/2012

You have heard of Friday the thirteenth, it's supposed to be bad luck, but our convention and swap meet was held on Saturday the thirteenth! I was starting to believe we were in for some Oklahoma Bad Luck (severe weather) due to the forecast, but everything turned out fine, the weather was pleasant except for one brief rain shower. The threat of storms and hail may have scared off some of our out-of-town attendees, but we had about fifty folks show up, on a football weekend, no less!

Member and guests were arriving at the Midwest Community Center before the building opened, and as soon as it was unlocked we all moved inside and the fun began. There were plenty of donuts and coffee to enjoy, while we helped some of the sellers haul in their stuff. (And get our hands on it first!) There were not as many sellers as in some previous meets, only about two and a half rows of tables instead of three or four, but we still had a good variety of items available. A fair number of cathedrals, including at least three Philco model 60s, several tombstones, rectangular wood sets, plastic sets, and a few twenties battery sets were offered. An Atwater Kent breadboard radio brought in by club president Jim Collings tempted me, it was a bargain but I decided it needed more work than I have time for. There were also lots of parts, knobs, tubes, and junk sets available at good prices. Plenty of radio related books, manuals, magazines, and novelty items were offered also. I only saw one console, a nice 1930-31 Brunswick model with a rare (for the time) horizontal slide rule tuner. The set was in great shape and worked, but the legs had been shortened, so Robert Padilla picked it up for a bargain price.

Your club secretary picked up a Majestic "Mighty Monarch of the Air" portable radio in excellent cosmetic and working condition. This is the first tube type portable I have added to my collection.

There were a fair number of items in the silent auction, but the real action came when we started the regular auction. Lots of parts, test equipment, junk sets, and some respectable complete sets were sold. Everything went for very reasonable prices. One of the last items was a 1941 Philco model 41-285 console. Your club secretary picked it up for... one dollar! This set needs a complete set of new plastics (knobs, pushbuttons, and dial plate, all available from Radiodaze) but is otherwise restorable. And it plays, albeit with a lot of hum and some distortion. I plan to restore it, and post before and after pictures in the newsletter.

Lastly we had a drawing for a copy of a rare, out of print book, "Voices on the Wind: Early Radio in Oklahoma". I didn't win it, some other lucky person did, but since I was drawing the numbers it would have been a bit awkward if I had!

Thanks to everyone who made the trip and made the meet a success despite the dicey weather. See you at next month's at Swadleys' Barbeque. It's the last meeting before the Christmas party, so please don't miss it!











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